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For : LIGHT-COLLECTING DEVICE AND SOLID-STATE IMAGING
APPARATUS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT, WITH TRAVERSE

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Sir :

ELECTION

In response to the Examiner's restriction requirement of March 4, 2009, in which the one month shortened statutory period for responding thereto runs to April 6, 2009 (April 4, 2009 being a Saturday), Applicant elects, with traverse, Group II, identified by the Examiner as including claims 9-15, drawn to an image sensor where pixels receive incident light according to the focal position of specially adjusted light-collecting devices.

TRAVERSE

Applicant respectfully traverses the Examiner's restriction requirement.